



# Green Bay Residents: Don't Pack Your Personal Documents...Shred Them!

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MADISON – As personal documents pile up at your home or business, you increase your risk of becoming a victim of identity theft. For Green Bay area residents, there is a quick and easy way to safely dispose of those sensitive documents: bring them to a public shredding event on Saturday, April 7.

Individuals can shred up to three boxes of documents from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Festival Foods parking lot, 2534 Steffens Court on Green Bay's east side. A donation of \$5 per box is recommended (but not required), with all proceeds benefitting Freedom House, a support program serving homeless families in the Brown County area.

Wisconsin's Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is proud to be among the organizers for this event.

"Millions of Americans are victims of identity theft each year, often because their personal information is stolen from unguarded documents," said Sandy Chalmers, Division Administrator for Trade and Consumer Protection. "Shredding sensitive documents is the best way to protect yourself and your family from identity theft."

All shredded materials will be recycled. Acceptable items include:

- All paper items (bills, receipts, credit card offers, bank statements, etc.)
- Staples
- Paper clips
- Rubber bands
- Spiral-bound notebooks

The following materials will not be accepted: plastics, CDs or other diskettes, bound items (i.e. books), two- or three-ring binders, cardboard, trash and metal (other than staples, paper clips and spiral binding).

Remember that any combination of the following details can provide enough information for identify theft to occur: name, address, phone number, email address, Social Security Number, mother's maiden name, ATM pin or date of birth. Any unnecessary documents containing this information should be shredded.

In addition to DATCP, this event was organized by Representative Chad Weininger, Automated Records Management Systems, Inc. (providing shredding services for the event) and Fox River Fiber (recycling the shredded content).

For more information on this event or on identity theft, call the Consumer Protection hotline at 1-800-422-7128.

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